

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING LIFE OF MRS. JANICE MARIE LITTLE BARTLEY

**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the incredible life of Mrs. Janice Marie Little Bartley, an outstanding leader, my very dear friend, and big sister. Domiciled in my Congressional District, she was a resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and native of New Orleans, Louisiana, and passed away early Friday morning, June 28, 2024. Janice was an active member of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated Sorority, since her initiation into the Beta Gamma Chapter at Dillard University in New Orleans. As a proud Dillard Alumnae, she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. As a National Urban Fellow, she earned a Master of Public Administration Degree from Bernard Baruch College, City University of New York.

She was an experienced Housing Administrator who started her housing career more than 35 years ago and worked throughout the years with local, state and federal programs in the areas of community development, neighborhood revitalization, homelessness and HIV housing supports, housing management, housing development and construction. Janice also worked at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana and served as Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs and a member of the Executive Council.

Janice Bartley's career began as the Mayor's Executive Assistant and later the Executive Director for the Office of Housing and Urban Affairs for the City of New Orleans. With a staff of more than 140 individuals and a budget of more than \$30 million, her office had the responsibility of administering the City's federal CDBG funds, ESG, Stewart B. McKinney, HOPWA, HOME and local housing funds. She worked to expand community development projects, create and support viable economic development programs and establish housing programs to reduce blight, revitalize neighborhoods and to create decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities for low income and or vulnerable individuals and families in the community. Within the City of New Orleans Mayoral Administration of then, Sidney Barthelemy, Janice and I worked closely together as Legislative Coordinators.

As she continued her career as a loyal and dedicated employee with a passion for housing, her career continued as HUD Regional Director for Volunteers of America and most recently as Director of Housing Development and Operations at the Council of Aging of Baton Rouge.

Janice has served as the Director of HUD Housing Operations for Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge. She successfully supervised the management of affordable multi-family 202 and 811 HUD properties in Baton

Rouge, New Roads, Lake Charles, Elton and Oberlin, Louisiana. Bartley was recognized by the National VOA for Excellence in Housing and for serving as the 2018 Chair of the National VOA Housing Operations Shared Leadership Network.

In 2006, Janice worked for the State of Louisiana, Office of Family and Children Services. Post Hurricane Katrina, she was assigned to the FEMA Headquarters to provide support and assistance to hurricane victims. She also worked collaboratively with key staff from the Offices of DHH, OCD and the Homelessness Continuum of Care to develop, monitor and manage a \$25.9 million disaster recovery Grant for Homelessness and Housing Support, to implement the Permanent Supportive Housing program and to increase PSH vouchers for homeless individuals or those at risk of becoming homeless.

Janice joined the EBRCOA staff in 2021 as Director of Housing Development and Operations. She worked collaboratively with the Housing Team with direct oversight for the development and construction of Lotus Village Senior Community and served on the Lease Management Oversight Team. She also worked collaboratively with the EBRCOA Construction Team on the predesign and development of Lotus Village at the Lake Senior Housing and the Lotus Village at the Lake Senior Center.

A strong believer in family values, she is survived by her beloved husband of 35 years, Frank Bartley, III, and the mother of four—Domonique M. Bartley, Jacqueline E. Bartley, Frank Bartley, IV, and Nicole A. Bartley. Janice was the sister of Robert Little, Jr. (Patricia), Edgar Little, Sr. (Julie), Yvette Little Fisher (Johnny Jr.), and Monique Brumfield. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Emmalee S. Little. Janice was a faithful member of both Greater Liberty Baptist Church of New Orleans pre-Katrina and Greater King David Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, LA post-Katrina.

I take pride in calling Janice my dear friend. I will forever cherish the time we worked together in my early career as a public servant, crediting her for the many values I hold in serving constituents. The 2nd Congressional District of Louisiana pays tribute to Mrs. Janice Marie Little Bartley on celebrating her life, a very loving person who cares more about others than she does for herself, selfless dedication, devoted leadership, and faithfully serving others.

### COMMEMORATING AND HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CUMMINS ENGINE PLANT IN JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK

**HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of

the Cummins Engine Plant in Jamestown, New York—a beacon of American ingenuity, resilience, and commitment to excellence.

Fifty years ago, in 1974, the Cummins Plant opened its doors in Jamestown. It started as a modest facility, with a mission to produce high-quality engines that would power the dreams and livelihoods of countless Americans. This plant embodied the spirit of Jamestown—a community built on hard work, determination, and a belief in a brighter future.

Over the decades, the Cummins Plant has grown into one of the largest and most advanced engine manufacturing facilities in the world. Its workforce, drawn from the heart of Jamestown and its surrounding areas, has been the lifeblood of this transformation. The plant now employs over 1,500 dedicated individuals, each one contributing to the production of engines and generators that power everything from trucks and buses to buildings and machines.

The plant's history is filled with milestones that reflect its enduring impact. In the 1980s, Cummins introduced the industry-leading Cummins N14 engine, which became a cornerstone of heavy-duty trucking. In the 1990s, the plant embraced advanced manufacturing techniques, paving the way for the production of cleaner and more efficient engines. In the 2000s, Cummins continued to lead with innovations in diesel and natural gas technologies, showcasing their ability to adapt and thrive in an evolving landscape.

As we celebrate this remarkable 50th anniversary, we are reminded of the plant's humble beginnings and the incredible journey it has undertaken. We are reminded of the visionaries who saw potential in Jamestown, the workers who brought that vision to life, and the community that has supported this endeavor every step of the way. In recognizing the Cummins Plant, we honor not just a facility, but a symbol of American industry at its best.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in congratulating the Cummins Engine Plant on their 50th anniversary and their invaluable service to the residents of our communities.

### HONORING ARMANDO VAZQUEZ- RAMOS

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Armando Vazquez-Ramos, an outstanding professor, who has served our Southern Californian communities as an educator and activist for more than 55 years since 1968.

Professor Vazquez-Ramos' family has been active with unions since the 1970's, holding leadership roles in different organizations across Southern California and active roles

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with the California Faculty Association, California Teachers Association and National Education Association for over 35 years.

Professor Vazquez-Ramos earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mexican-American Studies and a Master's in Psychology at California State University, Long Beach and a Master's in Public Administration at Pepperdine University. As a student leader in 1969, Professor Vazquez-Ramos was a co-founder of the Chicano and Latino Studies department at California State University, Long Beach.

He has taught various topics and issues related to Chicano/Latino studies at California State University, Long Beach Chicano and Latino Studies Department. During his time at the Office of International Programs, he promoted California-Mexico exchange and North American Studies programs. Since 1998, he has led travel-study groups to Mexico, Cuba and Venezuela for students, faculty, and union leaders.

In 1999, he also established the California-Mexico Project at California State University, Long Beach. The California-Mexico Project raised scholarship funds for students to study abroad in Mexico and promote educational exchange. In 2008, Assembly Concurrent Resolution 146 recognized the California-Mexico Project and directed the California Research Bureau to conduct the "The California Research Bureau Report on California-Mexico Study Abroad Programs" study.

In 2010, Professor Vazquez-Ramos established the non-profit California-Mexico Studies Center to research, develop, promote, and establish policies and programs between higher educational institutions and cultural organizations that will enhance the teaching, mobility and exchange of faculty, students, and professionals between California and the U.S. with Mexico.

The establishment and creation of the California-Mexico Studies Center has allowed more than 400 students a safe opportunity to study abroad with an additional 200 students who participated through the California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program. The California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program was precedent-setting study abroad model which Professor Vazquez-Ramos established in 2014.

Professor Vazquez-Ramos has impacted the lives of thousands of students during his 55-year career and has created the opportunity for students to return to their birthplace, meet their families, and discover their homeland while advancing their academic careers. His legacy career has established precedent and model programs for universities and colleges to follow for future generations.

Professor Vazquez-Ramos was awarded the Barrio Station Lifetime Achievement Award on March 14th during the Barrio Station 54th Anniversary Dinner. He is celebrated for his dedication and lifelong commitment to his students and our community as a devoted professor, innovator, and mentor.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 8812, the Water Re-

sources and Development Act due to air travel delays. I have long supported this bipartisan bill that continues to provide better resources for America's waterways, ports and coastal resiliency.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 358.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 358.

#### HONORING REVEREND W.C. AND DONNA MARTIN

### HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Wilbert C. Martin, pastor of Bennett Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Shelby County, Texas, and his wife Donna Martin. Through their efforts to live out their faith and serve others, they brought about the foster or adoption of seventy-seven of the most at-risk children in the Texas foster care system.

Nearly three decades ago, Rev. W.C. Martin and his wife Donna, who already had two biological children, adopted another four, starting a movement of twenty-two families within the unincorporated Possum Trot community in East Texas to adopt seventy-seven children.

Mrs. Martin was inspired to adopt after the death of her beloved mother, Murtha, who had raised eighteen children. She stated, "And the Holy Spirit said, 'Think about those other children out there that do not have what you had with your mother.' I was overcome with such warmth. I walked back into the house, picked up the Yellow Pages and called an adoption agency."

The story of the Martins and the Bennett Chapel Baptist Missionary Association Church community has been retold in the recent film *Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot*, which dramatizes their unbreakable faith and generosity for these children. Their story is an inspiration for all of us to give and love more, especially for the most vulnerable.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. JANE BARTKE

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Mrs. Jane Bartke. Mrs. Bartke, who passed away at the age of 86, leaves behind an indelible legacy of service to our country and Contra Costa County.

A longtime resident of El Cerrito, California, Mrs. Bartke's commitment to her community

inspired her to serve in the California Public School System for over thirty years. Throughout her career in education, Mrs. Bartke served as a teacher, counselor, and Department Chair for West Contra Costa Unified School District. She consistently demonstrated a steadfast dedication to her students, and her wisdom and compassion undeniably changed the California education system for the better.

Mrs. Bartke's commitment to her community extended beyond her critical efforts as an educator. She also served on the El Cerrito City Council, as Mayor of El Cerrito, and as President of the Trust for the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park. Mrs. Bartke's public service was characterized by her selflessness, advocacy for the people of El Cerrito, and commitment to the empowerment of women.

Mrs. Bartke exemplified the spirit of altruism in all areas of her life. She will be remembered not only for her decades of service to California students and teachers, but also for her genuine spirit of kindness and compassion. She leaves behind an everlasting mark on countless students, fellow teachers, and the El Cerrito community.

Mrs. Bartke's enduring spirit will live on in her husband, two daughters, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mrs. Bartke's loved ones I know that they, along with the people of Contra Costa County, join me in celebrating her life and legacy.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF RUSHDIE'S ATTACK

### HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2024*

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

"Prolific author, Salman Rushdie, with translations to more than forty languages and winner of multiple prestigious literary prizes, including the 2023 PEN Centenary Courage Award, rewards us with his latest publication, *Knife (Meditations After An Attempted Murder)*. New York: Random House. 2024. He made news around the world when attacked at the Chautauqua Institution, in upstate New York, on August 12, 2022, by a would-be assassin who acted upon the Fatwa of a death sentence issued by Ayatollah Khomeini 33½ years earlier.

The Ayatollah responded to Rushdie's book, *The Satanic Verses*, which he deemed blasphemous against Islam. Poignantly and ironically, Rushdie was to address that fateful day on creating safe spaces in America for foreign writers in a project, "City of asylum Pittsburg," initiated by Henry Reese and his wife Diane Samuels. The author's attacker was 24 years old and described by Rushdie as "the A.," referring derogatorily by the author to the vile attack, thus revealing his profound disgust for the attacker's both act and personality. Interestingly the author had a premonition in the form of a dream of being attacked two nights before the shaking event.

Rushdie's overwhelming hurting, physically and psychologically, of the 27 seconds brutal knifing is captured in his inimitable